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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BOUTROS GHALI ON PUTATIVE ISRAELI VISITORS

REF: CAIRO 21692

1. WE HAVE PASSED TO YOSSEI CIECHANOVER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MFA, THE GIST OF BOUTROS GHALI'S REMARKS CONCERNING ISRAELI VISITORS. CIECHANOVER IN TURN DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN, WHO SHARES BOUTROS GHALI'S CONCERN ABOUT HAVING TOO MANY ISRAELIS WANDERING AROUND EGYPT AT THIS TIME. GOI IS FULLY PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH GOE IN RESTRAINING THE FLOW OF ISRAELIS.

2. IF GOE HAS NO OBJECTIONS, CIECHANOVER WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

--NOTIFY THE CHIEF EDITORS OF ALL ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS THAT PRIOR APPROVAL MUST BE RECEIVED FOR THEIR REPORTERS TO ENTER EGYPT;

--INSTRUCT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICE WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO ISSUE A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ANY ISRAELI CITIZEN WISHING TO VISIT AN ARAB COUNTRY THAT THE NUMBER

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OF SUCH PERMITS ISSUED SHOULD BE RESTRICTED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE GOE REACTION TO ISRAELI PROPOSALS.

4. PAO IS QUIETLY PUTTING OUT WORD THROUGH PRESS CHANNELS THAT NO MORE ISRAELI JOURNALISTS SHOULD APPEAR IN CAIRO WITHOUT VISAS. LEWIS

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